## **REMARKS**

The drawings have been objected to due to minor informalities. The figures have been amended as requested by the Examiner.

The disclosure has been objected to due to minor informalities. The specification has been amended to correct the informality.

Claims 5 & 6 have been objected to due to a number of informalities. Please note that the claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection.

Claims 11-15 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c). The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection.

Unamended Claims 20-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Probstmeyer, US 3,854,658, and additionally as being anticipated by Hopfe, US 3,880,346.

Claims 20 & 21 have been cancelled and thus the Examiner's rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-10 and 16-19 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

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## **IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend the drawings as indicated on the attached sheets.